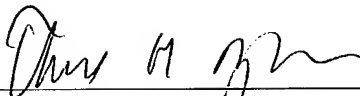


RESPONSE

Pursuant to the Election of Species Requirement of January 29, 2004 received in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants elect, without traverse, the Species of FIGS. 16-17 pursuant to the Election of Species requirement. Currently, original claims 1-8 and new claims 29-38 are readable on this Species and some of these claims are readable on other Species disclosed in the specification. In view of the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant has cancel claims 9-28 without prejudice at this time.

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